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DATE: June 1, 2017

TO: Iowa Medicaid Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Anesthesia Conversion Factor

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2017

The state fiscal year (SFY) 2018/19 Human Services appropriations bill (House File 653), included a number of legislatively mandated cost-containment initiatives. One such initiative requires DHS to adjust the Medicaid anesthesia conversion factor to be equal to the calendar year 2017 Medicare anesthesia conversion factor as adjusted for the state, and converted to a per minute amount. Each January 1, thereafter, the department shall apply the applicable Medicare anesthesia conversion factor adjusted for the state, and converted to a per minute unit amount.

The changes will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017, for Medicaid FFS and IA Health Link (MCO) claims.

Therefore, Medicaid anesthesia conversion factor will be changed from the current amount of \$1.76 per minute to a new amount of \$1.40 per minute.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.